

# PARK COLLEGE

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### About the Institution

- Park College is an independent, private, non-sectarian Christian institution, founded in 1875. Some programs in liberal arts in the School of Arts and Sciences, and in the School for Extended Learning, are offered through the Internet. The School of Arts and Sciences, the nursing program, the accelerated weekend/evening programs, and the graduate programs in education and business administration are located at the main campus in Parkville. Other accelerated programs are located in the Kansas City area at MetroPark, Portfolio, Ford, Richards-Gebaur, and Independence. The graduate program in religion is located in Independence, and the graduate program in public affairs is located at the MetroPark location in downtown Kansas City. The School for Extended Learning has 37 resident centers in 20 states across the United States; 35 of these sites are located on military installations. The resident centers offer selected undergraduate programs in an accelerated format. The School for Extended Learning has served the non-traditional, working adult student since 1972.

Source: Park College (<http://www.park.edu>)

- Enrollment\* **8,591** (8,417 undergraduates)

White	67.6%
African American	18.3%
American Indian	0.6%
Asian	2.0%
Hispanic	10.8%
Other	0.6%

Missouri residents 11% (undergraduates)

Male	53.5%
Female	46.5%

\*Fall 1998 Headcount

Source: Missouri Department of Higher Education (<http://www.mocbhe.gov/acadafrs/stats>)

Tables 8.1, 8.2, 21.1 & 21.2

- Entrance Requirements

Prospective students must provide verification of high school graduation (official high school transcript) or a GED certificate. High school graduates also must meet at least two of the following criteria: 1) 2.0 grade point average (4.0 scale), 3) rank in upper 50 percent of class, and 3) a minimum ACT composite score of 20 or a combined SAT score of 840. Those with a GED certificate must have a total score of at least 225 for the five areas of the test and a score of at least 35 in each area, as well as a minimum ACT composite score of 20 or a combined SAT score of 840. Prospective students who do not meet the above criteria may be considered on an individual basis by the Admissions Advisory Committee.

Source: Park College Web Site

- Average ACT Score<sup>1</sup> 1993 Freshmen Class\* 21.0

\*Fall 1997 Degree-seeking, ACT-Tested First-time Freshman

Source: Missouri Department of Higher Education (<http://www.mocbhe.gov/acadafrs/stats>)  
Tables 1.1 & 1.2 (Fall 1993 not available)

- Tuition & Fees for Typical Full-time Undergraduate Student\* \$4,284

\*1997-98 academic year

Source: Missouri Department of Higher Education (<http://www.mocbhe.gov/acadafrs/stats>)

## About the Education Program

- The vice president for academic affairs is the chief academic officer of the college. All undergraduate and graduate academic programs are the direct responsibility of this office. The undergraduate director of teacher education reports to the associate dean for social and administrative sciences, who reports to the vice president for academic affairs. The director of graduate education reports to the dean of graduate studies who reports to the vice president for academic affairs.

Source: Park College Draft MoSTEP Report, March 1999

- Enrollment in Undergraduate Professional Education Programs\* 228

White	81%
African American	11%
American Indian	2%
Asian	0%
Hispanic	5%
Other	2%

Missouri residents not yet available

Male	16%
Female	84%

\*Fall 1997 Headcount (full-time students)

Source: Park College, May 1999

- Education Program Entrance Requirements

Students may apply for entry to the teacher education program at any point in their college work, but most apply upon earning 60 hours. Prospective students must meet the following criteria to gain full entry:

1. sophomore standing
2. a cumulative GPA of 2.5
3. an ACT score or an SAT score
4. a minimum score on the C-BASE
5. take a writing competency test
6. provide a letter of reference from faculty outside of teacher education

Source: 1997-98 Park College Undergraduate Catalog

- Information about Education Program Completers<sup>2</sup>

Recommended for initial Missouri certification in 1997 37

### Age

Under 25	30.56%
25-34	47.22%
35-44	16.67%
45-54	5.56%
55 and over	0%

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Average ACT score<sup>3</sup> (for initial Missouri certification in 1997) 20.7\*

\*ACT Inc. Research Services (scores since 1989 only)

## C-BASE scores<sup>4</sup>

Passed all five subjects *first time*

Test	Passed all Subjects	English			Writing			Math			Science			Social St.		
30	20	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn
		243	399	331	249	382	332	255	423	313	253	385	299	235	450	322

Passed all five subjects, *one or more attempts* through December 1997

Test	Passed all Subjects	English (314)*			Writing (318)*			Math (319)*			Science (308)*			Social St. (309)*		
30	30	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn	Min	Max	Medn
		242	399	311	235	382	328	245	423	303	244	385	287	235	450	297

\*state median score

Source: Assessment Resource Center

Employed in Missouri public schools<sup>5</sup> in 1997-98\* 20 (53%)

Missouri public school districts employing Park College  
1997 program completers 12

Major employers of Park College 1997 program completers

Kansas City 33 3  
Park Hill 3

\*Does not include individuals employed in public schools in another state, employed in private schools in Missouri or another state, or who received their teaching credentials but were employed in another field or unemployed.

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

## RESOURCES

### Institution

- Full-time Faculty at Park College 48

Source: 1997-1998 Statistical of Summary of Missouri Higher Education; Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education (Tables 36.1 & 36.2)

### Education Program

- Full-time Education Program Faculty 5

White 5  
African American 0  
American Indian 0  
Asian 0  
Hispanic 0  
Other 0  
  
Male 1  
Female 4  
  
Doctorate Degree 4  
Missouri Teaching Certificate *not yet available*  
National Board Certification 0

- Adjunct Education Program Faculty 4
  - Full-time with the institution, part-time in education 3
  - Part-time in education 1

Source: Park College Draft MoSTEP Report, March 1999

## EDUCATION PROCESSES

### Institution

- Student-to-Faculty Ratio\* 14:1  
*Source: Park College Web Site*
- Average Class Size\* not yet available  
*\*undergraduate program*

### Education Program

- Student-to-Faculty Ratio not yet available
- Average Class Size not yet available
- Practical Experience Requirements for Education Majors

The philosophy of the department is to encourage the students to be in schools early in their professional training. During practicum experiences at all levels, students are required to spend a minimum of 60 clock hours in the schools, observing, tutoring, and teaching at least one lesson. Literacy courses require students to tutor appropriate school-aged children. Student teaching is for 10 credit hours, which represents 10 weeks full-time in an appropriate placement.

*Source: Park College Draft MoSTEP Report, March 1999*

- Developmental School  
The college has developed a professional development school relationship with two elementary schools in the Park Hill School District.  
*Source: Park College Draft MoSTEP Report, March 1999*
- Co-curricular Programs not yet available

## PERFORMANCE

- Missouri certificates\* issued in 1997 to Park College education program completers, by subject area and grade level

Subject Area	Grade Level	Recommended for Certification
Biology	7-12	1
Chemistry	7-12	2
Early Childhood Education	PK-3	4
Elementary Education	1-6	1
Elementary Education	1-8	24
English	7-12	3
Mathematics	7-12	4
Social Studies	7-12	4
Total		43

*\*Number of certificates issued, not number of graduates*

*Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Certification Section*

- Performance of Program Completers on National Teachers Exam

<b>Test Window 10-1-96 to 9-30-97</b>	Qualifying	Total		Number	
Subject Area	Score	Group	Mean	Passing	Pass Rate
Biology	480	3	563	3	100.0%
Chemistry	440	1	530	1	100.0%
Early Childhood Education	500	4	633	4	100.0%
Education in the Elementary School	520	25	604	23	92.0%
English Language and Literature	500	6	543	4	66.7%
Mathematics	550	8	539	3	37.5%
Professional Knowledge	638	10	664	10	100.0%
Social Studies	500	5	496	2	40.0%
Total		62		50	80.6%

\*Represents number of individuals who took the NTE during the test window but may not include all those recommended for certification

Source: Educational Testing Service

- Follow-up on Park College Program Completers

Education program completers who received initial Missouri certification in 1992

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*Employed in Missouri public schools in*

1993-94	5 (29%)
1994-95	5 (29%)
1995-96	6 (35%)
1996-97	5 (29%)
1997-98	6 (35%)

*Employed in Missouri public schools in 1997-98, with master's degree*

1 (6%)

*Employed in the same Missouri public school district in*

1993-94	5 (29%)
1993-95	4 (24%)
1993-96	3 (18%)
1993-97	3 (18%)
1993-98	3 (18%)

*Certification Status as of Sept. 1, 1998*

Holding Valid PC I	2 (12%)
Holding Valid PC II	5 (29%)
Lapsed <sup>6</sup>	10 (59%)

Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

### Major Employers<sup>7</sup>

Missouri school districts employing Park College graduates\*

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Park College had 206 graduates teaching in Missouri public schools during the 1997-98 school year.

School districts employing 6 percent or more of Park College's 206 graduates teaching in Missouri public schools during the 1997-98 school year

North Kansas City 74	10.19% (21)
Park Hill	14.07% (29)
Kansas City 33	33.49% (69)

*\*Includes all graduates of Park College employed in the district, not just those who completed the education program*

*Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*